GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the length and stretches of metre gauge railway lines in Karnataka;

(b) the details of stretches of metre gauge lines where broad gauge conversions are underway;

(c) the estimated cost of the broad gauge railway line projects in Karnataka; and

(d) the quantum of allocation made so far, indicating current year allocation separately, for the broad gauge conversion projects in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Shimoga-Talguppa (97 Km) metre gauge line is remaining for gauge conversion in Karnataka. Gauge conversion of this line has already been taken up as a part of Bangalore-Hubli-Birur-Shimoga gauge conversion project.

(c): Part Detailed Estimate for gauge conversion of Shimoga-Talguppa was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 46.216 crore which, however, has been revised to Rs. 158.95 crore.

(d): An expenditure of Rs. 65.03 crore has been incurred on Shimoga-Talguppa gauge conversion upto March, 2008.An outlay of Rs. 42 crore has been provided for this work in the Railway Budget 2008-09.